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ELECTION OF SPECIES

The Examiner requires Applicants to elect one of the following allegedly patentably distinct species of the claimed invention pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable:

Species 1: Figures 1-3;

Species 2: Figures 4-7;

Species 3: Figure 8; and

Species 4: Figure 9.

The Examiner acknowledges that Claim 22 is currently generic.

Applicants hereby elect Species 1, Figures 1-3, for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-17 and 22-37 are readable thereon.

CONCLUSION

Applicants intend to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner detects any issue which the Examiner believes Applicants have not addressed in this response, Applicants' undersigned attorney requests a telephone interview with the Examiner.

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Applicants sincerely believe that this Patent Application is now in
condition for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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